

## **Band Report**

In common with all indoor activities the last 20 months have been difficult for the Band. We took part in an online Carol Service in St Peter's Church with six players prior to Christmas 2020. There was no further band activity until June when we were able to resume practices. The Council approached us about a concert in the Park in August but this was then cancelled due to the Covid situation. In September we were asked to participate in a ceremony for the Polish Community to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of St Maximilian Kolbe in Auschwitz concentration camp. At short notice the band made a big effort to arrange some Polish music for the event, thanks to Peter Benson for that. We are giving consideration to an adult learners' class for anyone who would like to play a brass instrument and we hope to finalise that in the not too distant future.

## **Irish Language**

We were unable to lift the annual Irish Language collection for the second year in a row and no club scholarships were able to be awarded this year as once again the Covid situation closed all Gaeltacht colleges. We hope to be able to lift a language collection next March but need to look at a change in the way we do it so that we are able to reach as many contributors as possible.

The good news on the Irish Language front in the club is that Róisín Morgan (*Nee Malone*) will be taking an eight week introduction course for up to 12 adult learners in the New Year.